

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 PARIS 16225 021932Z
ACTION NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 W
-----021934Z 041583 /40
Z 021535Z JUN 77 ZFF 4
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 3472

S E C R E T PARIS 16225

NODIS

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y

E.O.11652: XGDS-3
TAGS: PFOR US VN
SUBJ: FLASH REPORT - US/SRV TALKS JUNE 2, 1977

1. MEETING LASTED THREE AND ONE-HALF HOURS. PHAN HIEN NOTED THAT THIS WAS FIRST TIME HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN AT AMERICAN EMBASSY. MEETING WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. IN FIRST, PHAN HIEN REVIEWED EVENTS SINCE LAST MEETING, PARTICULARLY PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY CONGRESS, NIXON, KISSINGER, AND VANCE WHICH HAD BEEN UNHELPFUL.
2. IN SECOND PART OF HIS OPENING PRESENTATION PHAN HIEN GAVE US A LIST OF 20 MORE AMERICAN MIA (INCLUDING 5 UNIDENTIFIED) WHOSE REMAINS WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN AN UNSPECIFIED BUT NOT TOO DISTANT TIME (VU HOANG LATER SUGGESTED ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO SIEVERTS PRIVATELY). HIEN THEN GAVE US A DRAFT OF A SUGGESTED JOINT COMMUNIQUE OR AGREEMENT AND SAID THAT IT COULD BE SIGNED AND ISSUED EITHER IN THESE MEETINGS OR AT SOME FUTURE ROUND "IN PARIS OR ELSEWHERE." THE TEXT OF THIS DRAFT COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE ON AID, REFERRING EVEN TO THE EXACT AMOUNTS USED IN THE NIXON TO PHAM VAN DONG LETTER OF FEB 1, 1973. IT ALSO PROPOSES THE

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 PARIS 16225 021932Z

ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND HAS A PARAGRAPH ON MIA'S.

3. PHAN HIEN CLEARLY KNOWS THAT THE COMMUNIQUE, WHICH HE BROUGHT WITH HIM FROM HANOI, IS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE US. BUT HE APPARENTLY HOPES TO ENGAGE US IN A NEGOTIATION OVER THE AMOUNT OF AID.

4. IN ORDER TO INDICATE CLEARLY THAT SUCH DISCUSSION FALLS OUTSIDE THE LIMITS OF OUR INSTRUCTIONS AND THE MOOD OF CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, HOLBROOKE TOLD PHAN HIEN DURING BREAK THAT EVEN THE FACT OF THIS REQUEST FOR AID, SHOULD IT BECOME PUBLIC, WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON AMERICAN OPINION WHICH WOULD MORE THAN OFFSET FAVORABLE IMPACT OF RELEASE OF THE 20 NEW NAMES. HOLBROOKE ALSO TOLD HIEN FLATLY THAT IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT THIS CONGRESS WOULD NOT PERMIT ANY FORM OF DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM.

5. WE GAVE NO INFORMATION TO THE PRESS ABOUT TODAY'S MEETING, EXCEPT TO CONFIRM THAT WE WILL MEET AGAIN TOMORROW. AS DISCUSSED ALREADY WITH HODDING CARTER HERE, WE STILL PREFER NOT TO HAVE ANY FORMAL PRESS CONFERENCES ON EITHER SIDE TOMORROW. HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT HANOI HAS GIVEN US 20 MORE NAMES WILL PRESUMABLY BE MADE PUBLIC TOMORROW AT THE END OF THE MEETING. FACT AND CONTENTS OF THEIR DRAFT COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE EXTREMELY CLOSELY HELD, AS IT WOULD PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE REACTION IF MADE PUBLIC.

6. AT TOMORROW'S MEETING WE PLAN TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR NEW MIA INFORMATION AND OUR HOPE THAT MORE WILL BE FORTHCOMING. WE WILL REITERATE OUR ESTABLISHED POSITION ON AID AND OUR PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. WE WILL AGREE IN PRINCIPLE ON A THIRD ROUND OF MEETINGS BUT WILL
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 PARIS 16225 021932Z

LEAVE DATE AND PLACE OPEN.
AMMON

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, MIA, MEETING REPORTS, CAT-B
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 02-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977PARIS16225
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X3
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: P850071-1763, N770003-0630
Format: TEL
From: PARIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770698/aaaadhov.tel
Line Count: 99
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 8e084186-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2304381
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FLASH REPORT - US/SRV TALKS JUNE 2, 1977
TAGS: PFOR, EAID, VN, US, VM, (PHAN HIEN), (HOLBROOKE, RICHARD)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/8e084186-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009